

I'm writing to urge the rejection of petition 04-160 submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters. As a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio, I have gotten to hear a wide variety of music and news from all over the country and the world. The new service offered by XM to give traffic and weather is a godsend, especially in a market like Miami where the local stations don't do a good job of providing the road condition information you need when you need it. Many a time have I gotten stuck in a traffic jam during non-rush hours when a service like XM's would have come in handy. While local broadcasters claim they have exclusivity in providing this service, there is precedent in TV to show that this type of service will not be the death knell broadcasters claim it will be. For the last 20+ years the Weather Channel has provided round the clock weather forecasts and conditions without doing harm to local news outlets.

The type of service XM will offer can only encourage competition. And lest we forget, XM and its rival Sirius are pay services and not suing the over the air spectrum the broadcasters are supposed to use for the public's benefit.

In closing I would like to thank the commission for their time and effort and respectfully ask they reject petition 04-160.

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